

Over The Rhine, If A Song Could Be President

If a song could be president
We'd hum on election day
The gospel choir would start to sway
And we'd all have a part to play
The first lady would free her hips
Pull a microphone to her lips
Break our hearts with rhythm & blues
Steve Earle would anchor the news

We'd vote for a melody
Pass it 'round on an mp3
All our best foreign policy
Would be built on harmony

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We'd fly a jukebox to the moon
All our founding fathers' 45's
Lightnin' Hopkins and Patsy Cline
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We could all add another verse
Life would teach us to rehearse
Till we found a key change
Break out of this minor key
Half-truths and hypocrisy
We wouldn't need an underachiever-in-chief
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We'd make Neil Young a senator
Even though he came from Canada
Emmylou would be ambassador
World leaders would listen to her

They would show us where our country went wrong
Strum their guitars on the White House lawn
John Prine would run the FBI
All the criminals would laugh and cry
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